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TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM, ES
SUBJECT: BPR DEMONSTRATION DOWNTOWN SAN SALVADOR PROVOKES
SHOOTING CONFRONTATION

1. JUST BEFORE NOON, FRIDAY, MARCH 17, GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS
(ESTIMATED BETWEEN 300 TO 1,000, WITH 300 MORE LIKELY FIGURE)
BEGAN MARCH DOWN MAJOR THOROUGHFARE NEAR PARQUE LIBERTAD.
GROUP REPORTEDLY CARRYING SIGNS AND SLOGANS OF POPULAR REV-
OLUTIONARY BLOC (BPR) AND ITS COMPONENTS FECCAS AND UTC. DES-
TINATION OF DEMONSTRATORS NOT CERTAIN, BUT SEVERAL SOURCES
INDICATE THEY HAD PLANNED TO HOLD MANIFESTATION IN FRONT OF
ONE OF GOVERNMENT OWNED CREDIT BANKS IN THAT AREA.

2. POLICE APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF PLANS FOR MANIFESTATION, BUT
CALLED OUT NATIONAL POLICE AND OTHER SECURITY FORCES TO MONITOR
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3. POLICE REPORTS STATE THAT DEMONSTRATORS FIRED
ON POLICE, KILLING ONE POLICEMAN AND INJURING ANOTHER. POLICE
RETURNED FIRE. IN GUN BATTLE THERE WAS ONE ADDITIONAL DEATH
(11 YEAR OLD CHILD) AND ESTIMATED 8-10 WOUNDED. DEMONSTRATORS
DISPERSED RAPIDLY FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE. POLICE BLOCKED

OFF PORTION OF DOWNTOWN AREA FOR SEVERAL HOURS, BUT
AS OF 3 P.M, NO FURTHER SIGNS OF DISTURBANCE.

4. COMMENT: MANIFESTATION BELIEVED TO BE INITIATED
BY RELATIVELY SMALL, HARD CORPS OF BPR MEMBERS AND
THEIR ASSOCIATES, WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS JOINING
IN AS MARCH PROGRESSED. OBJECT OF MANIFESTATION WAS
APPARENTLY TO DEMAND CREDIT FOR CAMPESINOS FROM
GOVERNMENT-LENDING INSTITUTIONS.
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